



Exchange Students – Fall 2026 Pre-Arrival Information

(Checklist works best with the **Adobe Acrobat** app)

*Updated March 17, 2026

Pre-Arrival Checklist for:	
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(Student Name)

Dear _____,

Congratulations on being accepted to the UNC Charlotte exchange program beginning **August 2026**. Please read this arrival information carefully, including important deadlines for things you must complete before you arrive at UNC Charlotte. If you still have questions AFTER you have read through this material, please contact your UNC Charlotte exchange coordinators (Amy Mabery or Dillon Clausner) at isso-exchange@charlotte.edu. Remember to include your name in your emails.

Sincerely,

Amy Mabery and Dillon Clausner

My Important Information

<i>My Immigration Information</i>	
SEVIS Number:	
UNC Charlotte EV Program Number:	P-1-04774
EV Category:	Student non-degree
Site of activity:	UNC Charlotte 9201 University City Blvd Charlotte, NC 28223

<i>My UNC Charlotte (NinerNET) Credentials</i>	
Student ID Number:	
Email address: (NinerNET username before @)	
Activating your UNC Charlotte Account:	Activate my NinerNET account

UNC Charlotte Pre-Arrival To-Do List

Below are instructions for items you are responsible for completing before you arrive on-campus.

Check box	Due Date	Item
	As soon as you can & before May 1	<p>APPLY FOR CAMPUS HOUSING</p> <p>Housing & Residence Life provides instructions for Applying for On-Campus Housing. This process charges a non-refundable \$100 application fee. When you are ready to apply, keep these tips in mind:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Login - You'll need to login using your NinerNet credentials (your UNC Charlotte email address and password). • Browser problems - If the application doesn't seem to work, then try a different browser. • Contract – Read the housing contract carefully. You are responsible for observing all important contract dates. • Questions - Have housing questions? Email Housing and Residence Life directly (hrlmailbox@charlotte.edu) be sure to include your name, student ID number, and a description of the problem. <p><i>Apply early for your best chance of obtaining an open space. Read more about on-campus housing.</i></p>
	As soon as you can & before April 10	<p>GLOBAL GATEWAYS/GLOBAL LIVING ON CAMPUS (optional, space is limited)</p> <p>Global Gateways is an interactive residential program for learning about the world with other international and U.S. students. Read more about Global Gateways. PRIORITY is given to EARLY APPLICATIONS.</p>
	As soon as you can	<p>SCHEDULE J-1 VISA APPOINTMENT</p> <p>ISEP Students – ISEP, your J-1 visa sponsor, will provide you with visa instructions</p> <p>Non-ISEP Students - The visa status you will have while in the U.S. is J-1. Use your UNC Charlotte issued immigration document DS-2019 to apply for your J-1 visa and as a travel document when entering the U.S.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Pay Your \$220 SEVIS fee - https://www.fmjfee.com/i901fee/ 2) Complete form DS-160: Online Nonimmigrant Visa Application 3) Schedule your visa appointment, refer to the U.S. Embassy or Consulate website where you will be interviewed for specific instructions. This process charges a fee. <p>Documents to bring to the interview:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DS-2019 • Letter of acceptance to UNC Charlotte • Proof of financial support • Evidence that you have paid the SEVIS fee <p>For more info, see ISSO's web page for newly admitted students Applying for a U.S. Visa stamp</p>

	March 2 – 31	<p><i>COURSE "WISH LIST"</i></p> <p>Login to the Exchange Student Course Wish List (you can find the Step 2: Course Wish List in your in-progress 'Exchange Student Application') using your UNC Charlotte email address and password. The form provides instructions for looking up courses.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • March 2: UNC Charlotte Fall 2026 course list is published • March 31: We close the wish list and start requesting your classes • Early May: Our advising team shares your course schedule with you
	You may finalize upon arrival	<p><i>FOOD ON CAMPUS</i></p> <p>If you live on-campus you may be automatically assigned a meal plan. Meal plans are optional for students living in on-campus apartments with a kitchen. Even if you are automatically assigned a meal plan, you may still change to a larger meal plan. Read more about the meal plan options. You can finalize your meal plan after you arrive at UNC Charlotte, but you may be charged a prorated amount for a different plan.</p> <p>Meal plan change deadlines – If you need to make changes to your meal plan, pay attention to the following meal plan deadlines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • August 11: Deadline to make full value changes to a meal plan • September 4: Deadline to make a prorated change to a meal plan
	July 12	<p><i>(Optional) REQUEST TEMPORARY HOUSING WITH A LOCAL FAMILY (up to 2 nights, Aug 10 & 11)</i></p> <p>If you need to arrive 1 or 2 days early before on-campus housing opens, complete the temporary home stay form and we will try to place you with a local family for 1 or 2 nights, Aug 10 & 11 (Only complete one form, either the airport pick up request for Aug 12 or the temporary home stay request for Aug 10 & 11).</p>
	July 26	<p><i>(Optional) REQUEST AIRPORT PICKUP FOR ARRIVAL ON Aug 12th</i></p> <p>The ISSO can arrange to pick you up from the airport if you arrive on Aug 12, the official move-in date for exchange students. Let ISSO know if you need to be picked up from the airport (CLT) on Aug 12 between 8 am – 8 pm. The ISSO provides airport pick-up free of charge.</p>
	July 18	<p><i>EARLIEST DATE YOU MAY ENTER THE U.S. with an August 17th, DS-2019 start date</i></p> <p>(You may enter up to 30 days before DS-2019 start date)</p>
	Aug 1	<p><i>HEALTH INSURANCE – PURCHASE PREMIUM PLAN</i></p> <p>You will be automatically billed for the university's premium health insurance plan (~\$1600-1850/semester), but you must still proactively complete enrollment to select the appropriate plan and get your insurance card more quickly. The premium plan is the only university student plan that complies with J-1 visa insurance regulations.</p> <p><i>Need help with insurance?</i></p> <p>Need Help? Contact the Student Health Center. Details below:</p> <p>By phone: 1-704-687-7435 (8 am – 5 pm) By Email: myinsurance@charlotte.edu In Person: Go to the Student Health Center, Insurance Office (Campus Map).</p>

	Aug 1	<p><i>UPLOAD ID PHOTO & ACTIVATE YOUR 49ER MOBILE ID</i></p> <p>Upload your photo and activate your 49er Mobile ID. By setting up your electronic ID before you arrive, it will be easier for you to enter your building and use your meal plan on your first day on campus.</p>
	Aug 12 Beginning at 1:00 pm	<p><i>RESIDENCE HALL MOVE-IN</i></p> <p>You will receive specific move-in instructions closer to your arrival date.</p> <p>What to bring: Remember, you must provide your own towels, sheets (54 X 80 in or 150 cm X 200 cm), a blanket and a pillow. If you hope to buy these items after you arrive, prepare a back-up plan for the first few nights in case you can't go shopping for several days.</p>
	Aug 13	<p><i>INTERNATIONAL STUDENT ORIENTATION & DOCUMENT CHECK-IN</i></p> <p>All international students are required to participate in international student orientation. Additional details will be posted on the ISSO Orientation webpage, including sessions specifically for international exchange students.</p>
	Anytime through Aug 17	<p><i>UPLOAD PROOF OF IMMUNIZATIONS</i></p> <p>North Carolina state law requires all college students to submit proof of the required immunizations.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List of Required vaccines – Available from the Student Health Center Immunization Requirements page <p>Upload Proof of vaccines - See FAQs instructions on submitting your immunization records.</p>
	Aug 17	FIRST DAY OF CLASS
	Aug 24	<i>Last Day to Change Classes</i>
	Aug 25	<p><i>PAY UNC CHARLOTTE BILLS</i></p> <p>By this date, you must enroll in a payment plan or pay your UNC Charlotte bill in full. Your bill may include tuition (if it is not covered by a tuition exchange), on-campus housing, meal plan, and any other semester charges. View your e-bill and pay your charges through My UNC Charlotte.</p> <p>As exchange students, you are given special permission to pay your bill after you arrive at UNC Charlotte. This is true even though there is an earlier deadline listed for all students.</p>
	Aug 27	<p><i>NINER COURSE PACK – LAST DAY TO OPT OUT</i></p> <p>Check out these resources to help you decide if the Niner Course Pack is right for you. Read more on the Niner Course Pack webpage.</p>
	Sep 7	<i>LABOR DAY (NO CLASSES)</i>
	Oct 12 - 13	<i>FALL BREAK (NO CLASS)</i>

	Nov 25 - 28	<i>THANKSGIVING BREAK (NO CLASS)</i>
	Dec 2	<i>LAST DAY OF CLASSES</i>
	Dec 4 - 10	<i>FINAL EXAMINATIONS</i>
	Dec 11	<i>CAMPUS HOUSING CLOSES</i> All fall semester only students must move out of on-campus housing by this date. Students continuing through the spring semester can continue accessing on-campus housing.
	Jan 10	<i>Last date students with a Dec 11, 2026, DS-2019 end date may remain in the U.S.</i> You must leave the U.S. no later than 30 days after your DS-2019 end date.

See also [UNC Charlotte Academic Calendar](#).

ESTIMATED SEMESTER EXPENSES

Item	Exchange Costs	Self-Pay Costs
Tuition & Fees	\$0	\$12,500*
On-Campus Housing (average cost, double occupancy, limited availability)	\$4,650	\$4,650
On-campus Meal Plan (average cost)	\$2,600	\$2,600
Health Insurance	\$1,600	\$1,600
Miscellaneous/Personal Expenses	\$2,650	\$2,650
TOTAL	\$11,500	\$24,00

*UG tuition listed, GR tuition may be higher